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ATARI ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW HARDWARE AVAILABLE

BRING YOUR PROGRAMS FOR THE CLUB LIBRARY

HELP IDENTIFY GOOD ATARI SOFTWARE
(and/or bad)

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE JULY MEETING

BEGINNERS BASIC CLASS - PART 2

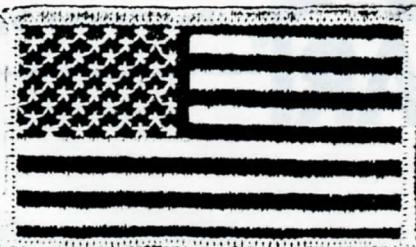
Our education, Linda Scott, will be conducting the second class on BASIC for beginners before our regular meeting on Saturday. The class begins at 3PM. Be sure to bring your ATARI Basic manuals.

Club Library will be open from 3:30 to 4:00 and after our business meeting which begins at 4:00 PM.

Be sure to look over the new literature library. A checkout system has been set up which allows MILATARI members to take material home.

All exchange newsletters may be taken out in addition to current issues of *InfoWorld*, *SOFTLINE*, *Mini-Micro Systems*, *small systems world*, *Personal Computing*, and *Popular COMPUTING*.

We also have two copies of *De Re Atari* and one copy of the ATARI OS and Hardware manual available for checkout.



SALUTE TO OUR COUNTRY

Earlier this month, we celebrated our nation's 206 th birthday. I wonder how many of us really appreciate our heritage of freedom and democracy. True, there are many things wrong in our country, but we don't try to hide them under the rug or deny that they exist. We have the freedom to protest injustices orally and in the press. We can criticize our leaders without looking over our shoulders for the secret police. if we don't like what our president or our congressmen are doing, we can vote for a different candidate in the next election. All of us can! Not just a select few members of the 'party'; there is a selection of candidates,not just one; We aren't told who to vote for. And bi-partisan committees, count in the votes.

The central and South American countries rebelled against spanish rule after we had gained our own independance from Brittain. How many of those countries have been able to institute and maintain a democratic system of government? How many times have the governments been overthrown by military juntas,which have themselves been overthrown in turn.

Thanks to the foresight, self restraint, and tenacity of our founding father-Washington, Adams, Jefferson-the constitution and the bill of rights were adhered to in our country's early years instead of becoming empty and meaningless words.

They built a firm foundation for our two house(senate and representative)form of government. They instituted the three branches of government for our system of checks and balances:the legislative branch makes the laws; the executive branch enforces them; the judicial determines the constitutionality of the laws and enforces them.No one branch can operate alone to deny the rights and freedoms guaranteed by the constitution and the bill of rights.

And look at what our freedom has done for us! The oppressive regimes of communistic governments stifle productivity and inventiveness. They import our surplus food because their farmers have no incentive to produce more food more efficiently or economically. They import our technology because their scientist,inventors, and ordinary citizens have no incentive to devise more efficient, tools and machines or gadgets to solve small everyday problems or irritations.

We should all be aware of the liberties that we have.Often we take them for granted; we don't appreciate them as we should because most of us haven't lived in a country where free speech was considered treasonous and even peaceful dissent was illegal, and punished with incarceration.

Patriotism isn't just flagwaving; it is a personal commitment to meet one's responsibilities as a citizen for the benefit of all.

by Pat Johnson

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MORE HARDWARE SHOWS UP FOR YOUR ATARI

by David Frazer

With the popularity of the ATARI computers increasing, more manufacturers are inclined to design hardware which will expand its utility. The items listed below describe many of these new items.

Disk drives:

PERCOM - single and double density in both single and double sided configuration. 5 inch drives which can be run with a ATARI 810 drive.

MPI - no information at this time.

CORVUS - Mass storage and network system. 'HARD' disk with storage capacity of 6, 11, and 20 megabytes. Users can share mass storage as well as printers and other peripherals via the network system.

Speech Synthesizers:

VOICE BOX - by the Alien group. Plugs directly into your ATARI via the serial port. Not interface, cables, speaker, amp, or external power required. Works with phonetic language.

ECHO-6P - by Street Electronics Corporation. No interface information available.

TYPE-N'-TALK - by VOTRAX. Works with phonetic language. Requires RS-232 port via ATARI 850 or similar device.

80 Character Video: (Monitor required)

FULLVIEW-80 - by Bit 3 Corporation. Display card mounts in 3rd RAM slot of 800. Allows normal ATARI 40 column/graphics mode. 80 column mode provides upper and lower case characters with full descenders.

CM-1000/V - by Compu-Mate Corporation. Separately cased unit which supports 80 column video and connects to computer video monitor port. This unit will also replace the 850 interface, providing a serial port and 8 bit parallel printer port. (Unit is available as CM-1000 which gives only the serial and parallel ports but not the 80 column video.)

Videodisc Interfacing:

Discmaster 5000 - by New Media Graphics. Using the Pioneer VP-1000 videodisc player, software included and an interface provided by New

Media Graphics, you have a fully integrated system.

This list is in no way complete. Readers are encouraged to send information on other equipment to the editor for publication.

SUPPORTING BUSINESSES

The following businesses offer a discount to members of MILATARI. You must show your valid MILATARI membership card to receive your discount.

MICROCOMPUTERS and MAGIC
256 1/2 West Broadway Street
Waukesha, Wis 53186
(414)548-0700

MICROAGE COMPUTER STORE
2675 North Mayfair Road
Wauwatosa, Wis 53226
(414)257-1100

LIBERTYVILLE VIDEO and COMPUTER CENTER
Attn: Steve Singer
Cambridge Plaza
Libertyville, Ill 60048
(312)367-8660

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UNCLASSIFIED ADS

(MILATARI will post ads for its members at no charge. Others \$1.00 per issue. Send ad info to newsletter editor by 1st Saturday of month)

WANTED: Articles for this newsletter. How about it gals and guys? Send your ideas, programs, reviews, hot tips, whatever to the editor.

SOFTWARE: MILATARI members Jim Luty and Bill Simotti are selling software at a 15% discount to members. Call Jim at 421-3135 or Bill Simotti at 352-1790 for prices.

ATARI announces price reductions and new software

(from ATARI news releases and InfoWorld)

Atari made several announcements of price reductions and new software for its two computers at the recent Consumer Electronics Show held in Chicago.

"We have reduced the suggested retail price of the Atari 400 computer from \$399 to \$349, and the prices of six entertainment programs anywhere from \$5 to \$20, as a result of economies of scale achieved through greater volume sales," said Keith Schaefer, vice-president of sales.

Among the new programs Atari released at CES were Atari Speed Reading and Music Tutor and two educational packages designed for children between the ages of three and six. The announcement of the new software packages means Atari has more than 175 "home computer programs" according to Schaefer.

Atari also unveiled a new kit called the Communicator II at the show. Included in the kit is a new direct-connect modem(DCM) called the Atari 835, a user's manual and TeleLink II, a new cartridge from Atari. TeleLink II is supposed to allow users to store and automatically dial two frequently called information service numbers and corresponding access codes.

Atari said the kit will also contain information on using CompuServe, Dow Jones News Retrieval and The Source, with one hour of free time provided on all three information utilities.

The suggested retail price for the Communicator II kit is \$279.95, and it will be available in the fourth quarter of this year, according to the company.

"The new Communicator II kit with its direct-connect modem will make it easier for our users to exploit the many information services available to home computer owners," concluded Schaefer.

For more information on the Communicator II kit or other Atari products, contact your local Atari dealer or call 1-800-544-9525.

For information on the latest ATARI products, contact the ATARI Computer Division of Matsushita U.S.A. Electronic Products, Inc., 100 Morris Avenue, Teaneck, NJ 07606 or 201-567-1515.

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new personal computer 1981 will be showing off and the firm unveiled eight of them at the exhibition to the public. The new model is the ATARI 400, which has a built-in monitor and keyboard.

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Membership is open to individuals who have an interest in using and programming ATARI computers. The membership includes the subscription to this newsletter and free access to the users' program library. The membership fee is \$12.00 per year. Single newsletters are \$1.00. A guest may attend one meeting at no charge.

SOFTWARE EVALUATION FORM
(All software evaluations will become part of our library)

Your name _____

Program name _____

Where purchased _____ Price _____

Cassette or disk _____ Transferable to disk Y/N _____

Program language (circle) Machine/Basic/Assembler/Pascal/Other

Memory requirements ____ K Require special hardware Y/N _____

Program requires: (circle all that apply)

PADDLES JOYSTICKS KEYBOARD PRINTER MODEM OTHER(specify)

If program is a game;

Time limit for game Y/N _____

Increasing difficulty Y/N _____

Multiple players Y/N _____ number of players _____

Quality of program: (circle) POOR FAIR GOOD EXCELLENT

Would you recommend this program to others Y/N _____

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